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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed January 23, 2004, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argued that Kaiser does not teach an arrangement of spread signals on a frequency axis and a time axis first and then rearranging the spread signals two-dimensionally in a regular pattern. However, in Figure 4, data symbols are spread and have an initial arrangement before continuing to a frequency and time interleaver (Figure 2, item 5), where the frequency and time interleaver scrambles the spread signals in blocks (col. 5, lines 58-60). Inherently, the spread signals were previously arranged according to a frequency axis and a time axis before reaching the interleaver so that the frequency and time association of the spread signals may then interleaved or rearranged. As shown in Figure 6, if the interleaving or rearrangement did not take place, the sub-carriers later allocated to each subscriber (Figure 2, item 6; Figure 5, item 15) would be in adjacent bands instead of separated by gaps in frequency as shown. It is noted that this interleaving or rearrangement is beneficial by preventing consecutive time periods or consecutive frequencies from being used by one subscriber where the consecutive time periods or consecutive frequencies may be subject to error (col. 5, lines 61-65).

Drawings

1. Corrected drawings were received on January 23, 2004. These drawings are approved.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kaiser et al. (US 6,188,717).

2. Regarding claim 1-4, 6-9 and 11, Kaiser discloses a multicarrier transfer system based on OFDM/CDMA (abstract, lines 1-3). The system comprises a spread signal rearrangement unit (Figure 2, items 4-5; col. 5, lines 28-65; Figure 6) for first arranging the spread signals in arrays (blocks) on a frequency axis and time axis first and then two-dimensionally re-arranging spread signals (Figure 4; col. 5, lines 58-61; note: the interleaver scrambles data two-dimensionally which would otherwise be unscrambled two-dimensionally -- col. 5, line 66 through col. 6, line 10). The rearrangement is either predetermined or random (col. 5, line 60). The system also includes a receiver (Figure 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 5 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Harper whose telephone number is 703-305-0139. The examiner can normally be reached weekdays, except Wednesday, from 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM ET.

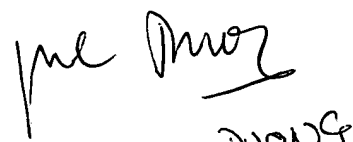
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema S. Rao, can be reached at 703-308-5463. The centralized fax number for the Patent Office is 703-872-9306.

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April 2, 2004


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